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RELAXATION IN RECRUITMENT IN ARMY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether candidates belonging to certain States have been given relaxation in educational qualifications and other physical attributes for recruitment in the army;

(b) if so, the details of such States and reasons for giving relaxation;

(c) whether the Government would consider giving similar relaxations to the youths of certain hilly areas of Punjab; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): Minimum physical and educational standards have been laid down for recruitment in the Army. Due to socio-economic conditions and remoteness of the region, certain areas of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Sikkim, North-East States, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands are, however, granted dispensation in the required educational qualifications. Certain recognized tribes of Ladakh, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands as well as Gorkhas (both Nepalese and Indian), are also granted dispensation in the required physical standards like height.

(c) Yes, Sir, if found feasible as per rules.

(d) Does not arise.